

## Message Text

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TAGS: CDES (NICHOLS, VERNON ELMER JR.)  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF VERNON ELMER NICHOLS JR.

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 1831 (NOT SENT BOGOTA)

1. IN RESPONSE DIRECT RELAY MESSAGE TO U.S. ADDRESS WESTERN UNION REPORTS NEXT-OF-KIN MRS. M. KONARSKY PRESENTLY IN BOGOTA AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS: APARTADO AERE 100 964 UNICENTRA 10 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. REQUEST POST PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE IF MRS. KONARSKY IS LOCATED.

### QUOTE

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, VERNON ELMER NICHOLS, JR. A FRIEND OF MR. NICHOLS INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON APRIL 17 OF HIS DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSES ON APRIL 14, 1978 AT DUQUE DE CAXIAS, STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

2. THE CONSULATE ATTEMPTED TO NOTIFY YOU BY TELEPHONE ON APRIL 18 BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING YOUR NUMBER.

3. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS PASSPORT, ISSUED AT MEXICO CITY ON JANUARY 10, 1961. YOU WERE NAMED ON THE PASSPORT APPLICATION AS HIS NEXT-OF-KIN.

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4. THE CONSULATE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ANY PERSONAL EFFECTS MR. NICHOLS HAD AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES A BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO MEDINA, OHIO WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000). CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST ABOUT TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500). IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IN DUQUE DE CAXIAS IS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400). THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500). ALL THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, WASHINGTON D.C. AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., TO BE RELAYED TO THE CONSULATE AT RIO DE JANEIRO. AGAIN, INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY  
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WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE: DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE DECEASED; NAMES OF PARENTS OF DECEASED, INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 252-8055 IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

10. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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